

REMARKS

By this Supplemental Amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 24 and 25. The Patent Office finds claims 1, 16, 18, 20 and 22-27 allowable over the prior art of record. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,

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